

REMARKS

Claims 7-10 and 13 are pending in this application and have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 1-6 are cancelled above without prejudice.

The specification has been amended above to eliminate the matter to which the Examiner objected. These amendments are made without prejudice because it remains applicants' position that the previously requested corrections were obvious and supported by the application as originally filed. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed and that no new matter has been added.

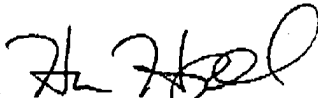
In view of the above amendments it is respectfully submit that the application now stands in condition for allowance. The Examiner's further consideration and favorable action are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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